

MK19 Grenade Machine Gun



Mission

Support the Soldier in offensive and defensive roles via a tripod- or vehicle-mounted grenade machine gun capable of engaging personnel and light armor targets out to 1500 meters and providing suppressive fire to 2000 meters.

Description and Specifications

The **MK19 Grenade Machine Gun** supports the Soldier in offensive and defensive roles by delivering a heavy volume of close, accurate, and continuous firepower against enemy personnel and lightly armored vehicles. The MK19 can be mounted on a tripod or on multiple vehicle platforms and is the primary suppressive weapon for combat support and combat service support units. The weapon can be used to protect motor movements, assembly areas, and supply trains in bivouac. In addition, it can defend against hovering rotary-wing aircraft, destroy lightly armored vehicles, fire on suspected enemy positions, and provide high volumes of fire into an engagement area and indirect fires from defilade positions. The MK19 increases the capability of U.S. forces to defeat opposing armored, mechanized, and infantry forces with high explosive dual-purpose (HEDP) ammunition. Effective (sight) range is 1500 meters. Maximum range is more than 2000 meters, with a firing rate of 350 rounds per minute.